Degrees Available at SIUE
- Master of Science in Education

Areas of Emphasis
- Cultural Diversity
- Diversity Training
- English as a Second Language
- Gender and Education

Diversity and Equity in Education at SIUE
The primary purpose of the diversity and equity in education program (previously known as learning, culture and society) is to develop capacities of educators and other professionals to support cultural diversity and culturally responsive learning and living. This interdisciplinary program emphasizes the cultivation of dispositions, attitudes, knowledge and skills that are critical to teaching diverse students in today’s schools and working in any other settings where diversity is both present and valued.

Here is what the program can do for you:
- Help you enter and succeed in a wide variety of careers and occupations in various settings including educational institutions, social services, human resources, corporate/public administration, and other fields with increasing demand for diversity skills
- Act as a steppingstone to a doctoral program in social foundations of education, educational policy and related areas
- Enhance your understanding of the intersection of diversity and education, including the needs of English-language learners
- Enhance your understanding of the ways diversity operates in different settings and of how diversity is portrayed in popular culture

For educators in P-12 settings, the program can:
- Help you learn how to engage and increase academic performance of all of your students, including students of color, economically disadvantaged students, and students who are English-language learners
- Help you learn how to enhance student skills in areas such as empathy and respect
- Help you develop your capacity to be effective as a teacher of diverse students
Program Highlights
• No GRE Requirement
• Interdisciplinary (courses are taken in multiple departments and schools across the University)
• 33 credit hours
• Several courses are offered entirely online
• The program can be completed by taking regularly offered evening courses

Admission Requirements
• Graduate School application and $40 fee
• Submission of all postsecondary academic transcripts
• Successful completion of a bachelor’s degree prior to enrollment
• GPA of 3.0 or above (A=4.0) during their last two years of undergraduate work. (The undergraduate GPA requirement may be waived for students who have received in more recent graduate coursework a GPA that demonstrates potential for success.)
• International Applicants: Proof of English Proficiency, minimum requirements are TOEFL (79), IELTS (6.5) or equivalent
• A list of professional experiences
• A written statement of purpose
• An interview may also be requested. Applicants may arrange for an appeal interview with the Admissions Committee if admission is denied.

Program application materials may be uploaded during the application process, but official transcripts must be sent directly from the school attended, and test scores must be verifiable with the appropriate testing service. Please contact the Graduate Admissions office with questions regarding the application submission process at graduateadmissions@siue.edu.

How to Apply
This program is open to enrollment at any time during the school year. Interested individuals are encouraged to review the How to Apply information on our website, or contact the program director, Jennifer Logue at jlogue@siue.edu.

Graduation Requirements
Candidates must submit a project proposal for approval by a project committee, carry out the proposed project, submit a written report, and complete an oral defense of their project.

Program of Study
Thirty-three semester hours of graduate credit are required for a Master of Science in education with a major in diversity and equity in education.

Required Foundational Courses - 12 Hours
• EPFR 502 Qualitative Inquiry in Education
• EPFR 515 Issues in Learning Theory
• EPFR 520 Analysis of Educational Issues: Philosphic-historic Perspectives
• EPFR 521 Analysis of Educational Issues: Socio-cultural Perspectives

Education Focus Electives - 6 Hours
(Choose two for a total of six hours. Note that instead of education focused electives, students in the diversity training area of emphasis will take two courses from the cultural diversity list instead.)
• EPFR 451 Gender and Education
• EPFR 563 Special Topics in Foundations of Education
• CI 563 Curriculum Models
• ENG 470 Methods and Materials for K-12 ESL Teaching
• ENG 472 Assessment and Testing in ESL
• ENG 570 Teaching African-American Oral and Written Literature
• ENG 578 Women, Language and Pedagogy
• ENG 581 Topics in Teaching English (when appropriate, must be approved by advisor)

Area of Emphasis - 9 Hours
Choose one of the following:
• Cultural Diversity
• Diversity Training
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Final Project - 6 Hours
• EPFR 575

The final project may be either an action research project (Boyer’s “scholarship of application”) or a traditional research project (Boyer’s “scholarship of discovery”) (Boyer, 1990, pp. 16-23). An action research project is a scholarly research study that involves working on a problem with practical applications for the student’s classroom, school, district, or community. A traditional research project is an original research project that does not necessarily involve practical applications for the student.

Within the first semester of study, the student must select a graduate faculty member as project chairperson for the project committee. The chairperson will advise the student on coursework and research. Within the first year of study, the student must select two additional graduate faculty members to complete their project committee. The committee should consist of faculty with expertise or interests that are appropriate to the student’s academic background, goals, and interests. The committee chair and one of the other committee members must be from the Department of Educational Leadership. The third committee member may be from outside the department and from outside the School of Education, Health and Human Behavior. The committee and the student will develop a research project outline and will determine, before the work begins, whether the project will be “scholarship of application” or “scholarship of discovery.” The project is then approved for initiation and supervised by the committee chairperson.

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